

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of browsing, comprising:
accessing a first media stream;
allowing the first media stream to play up to some point in the first media stream;
and
switching media streams by selecting a second media stream different from the first media stream, said selecting thereby starting the second media stream at a point corresponding to said point in the first media stream, wherein content in the first media stream is time compressed with respect to content in the second media stream, to reduce the time a user spends searching for media content of interest to the user.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the second media stream has media content in common with the first media stream.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the second media stream includes a full video.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein one of the media streams includes audio.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein one of the media streams includes closed caption text.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein one of the media streams is selected from the group consisting of skim video, moving storyboard, full video, audio, text, animation, and graphics.

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7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, said switching comprising clicking on a mouse or depressing a key on a keyboard.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said point in the second media stream is selected from one of a plurality of points in the second media stream corresponding to the first media stream.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said point in the second media stream corresponds in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein the first media stream includes a skim video and the second media stream includes a full video.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams is dedicated to audio.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams is sped-up audio.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams includes text.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams is dedicated to closed caption text.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams includes moving storyboard with fast or slow audio.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams includes both audio and video.

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17. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams includes video, and the rate at which the video is streamed out is controlled by a user.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams includes a low bandwidth video stream.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said starting point in the second media stream is determined by accessing a look-up table.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said starting point in the second media stream is determined from a mathematical formula.

21. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 9, wherein said starting point in the second media stream is computed from data ~~which is~~ that are streamed with the first media stream.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said starting point in the second media stream compensates for user response time and thus is not precisely synchronized with said point in the first media stream.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein any synchronization mismatch between said first and second points is less than about 3 seconds of viewing time.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a shot or a video scene.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a sentence.

26. (Original) The method of Claim 9, wherein one of the media streams includes more than one track.

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27. (Currently amended) A method of providing media streams to a browser user, comprising:

providing a first media stream;

receiving a request from the user to access a second media stream different from the first media stream, the request being generated at a point in the first media stream; and

providing, as a result of said request, the second media stream starting at from a point corresponding to said point in the first media stream, wherein content in the first media stream is time compressed with respect to content in the second media stream, to reduce the time the user spends searching for media content of interest to the user.

28. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein the second media stream has media content in common with the first media stream.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein the second media stream includes a full video.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein one of the media streams includes audio.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein one of the media streams includes closed caption text.

32. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein said point in the second media stream corresponds in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream.

33. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein the first media stream includes a skim video and the second media stream includes a full video.

34. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein one of the media streams is dedicated to audio.

35. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein one of the media streams includes text.

36. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein one of the media streams includes both audio and video.

37. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein said starting point in the second media stream compensates for user response time and thus is not precisely synchronized with said point in the first media stream.

38. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein any mismatch between said first and second points is less than about 3 seconds of viewing time.

39. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a shot or a video scene.

40. (Original) The method of Claim 32, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a sentence.

41. (Original) The method of Claim 27, wherein said point in the second media stream is selected from one of a plurality of points in the second media stream corresponding to the first media stream.

42-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) The method of Claim [[45]] 1, further comprising searching the first media stream for media content of interest to the user.

47. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~[[45]]~~ 1, wherein the first media stream includes at least one of moving storyboard and skim video.

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~[[48]]~~ 27, wherein the ~~first~~ second media stream is provided to the user ~~in response to~~ after the user ~~searching~~ searches the first media stream for media content of interest to the user.

50. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~[[48]]~~ 27, wherein the first media stream includes at least one of moving storyboard and skim video.

51. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having computer-executable program instructions thereon, comprising:
program instructions enabling a browser to access a first media stream; and
program instructions enabling the browser to switch media streams in response to a browser user selecting a second media stream different from the first media stream, after the user has allowed the first media stream to play up to some point in the first media stream, said selecting thereby starting the second media stream at a point corresponding to said point in the first media stream, wherein content in the first media stream is time compressed with respect to content in the second media stream, to reduce the time the user spends searching for media content of interest to the user.

52. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 51, wherein said point in the second media stream corresponds in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream.

53. (Cancelled)

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54. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having computer-executable program instructions thereon, comprising:

program instructions for providing a first media stream to a browser user;

program instructions for receiving a request from the user to access a second media stream different from the first media stream, the request being generated at a point in the first media stream; and

program instructions for providing to the browser user, as a result of said request, the second media stream starting at from a point corresponding to said point in the first media stream, wherein content in the first media stream is time compressed with respect to content in the second media stream, to reduce the time the user spends searching for media content of interest to the user.

55. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 54, wherein said point in the second media stream corresponds in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (New) A method of browsing, comprising:

accessing a first media stream;

allowing the first media stream to play up to some point in the first media stream;

and

switching media streams by selecting a second media stream different from the first media stream, said selecting thereby starting the second media stream at a point corresponding in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream, wherein said

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starting point in the second media stream compensates for user response time and thus is not precisely synchronized with said point in the first media stream.

58. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein the second media stream has media content in common with the first media stream.

59. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein the second media stream includes a full video.

60. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein one of the media streams is selected from the group consisting of skim video, moving storyboard, full video, audio, text, animation, and graphics.

61. (New) The method of Claim 57, said switching comprising clicking on a mouse or depressing a key on a keyboard.

62. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein the first media stream includes a skim video and the second media stream includes a full video.

63. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein one of the media streams includes moving storyboard with fast or slow audio.

64. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein one of the media streams includes video, and the rate at which the video is streamed out is controlled by a user.

65. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein one of the media streams includes a low bandwidth video stream.

66. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said starting point in the second media stream is determined by accessing a look-up table.

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67. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said starting point in the second media stream is determined from a mathematical formula.

68. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said starting point in the second media stream is computed from data that are streamed with the first media stream.

69. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein any synchronization mismatch between said first and second points is less than about 3 seconds of viewing time.

70. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a shot or a video scene.

71. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a sentence.

72. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein one of the media streams includes more than one track.

73. (New) A method of providing media streams to a browser user, comprising:
providing a first media stream;
receiving a request from the user to access a second media stream different from the first media stream, the request being generated at a point in the first media stream; and
providing, as a result of said request, the second media stream starting at a point corresponding in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream, wherein said starting point in the second media stream compensates for user response time and thus is not precisely synchronized with said point in the first media stream.

74. (New) The method of Claim 73, wherein the second media stream has media content in common with the first media stream.

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75. (New) The method of Claim 73, wherein the second media stream includes a full video.

76. (New) The method of Claim 73, wherein the first media stream includes a skim video and the second media stream includes a full video.

77. (New) The method of Claim 73, wherein any mismatch between said first and second points is less than about 3 seconds of viewing time.

78. (New) The method of Claim 73, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a shot or a video scene.

79. (New) The method of Claim 73, wherein said starting point in the second media stream corresponds to the beginning of a sentence.

80. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having computer-executable program instructions thereon, comprising:

program instructions enabling a browser to access a first media stream; and

program instructions enabling the browser to switch media streams in response to a browser user selecting a second media stream different from the first media stream, after the user has allowed the first media stream to play up to some point in the first media stream, said selecting thereby starting the second media stream at a point corresponding in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream, wherein said starting point in the second media stream compensates for user response time and thus is not precisely synchronized with said point in the first media stream.

81. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having computer-executable program instructions thereon, comprising:

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program instructions for providing a first media stream to a browser user;

program instructions for receiving a request from the user to access a second media stream different from the first media stream, the request being generated at a point in the first media stream; and

program instructions for providing to the browser user, as a result of said request, the second media stream starting at a point corresponding in the chronological sense to said point in the first media stream, wherein said starting point in the second media stream compensates for user response time and thus is not precisely synchronized with said point in the first media stream.

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